CITY MANAGER MEMORANDUM

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To: Honorable Chairperson and Board Members

Through: James R. Elensky, City Manager

From: Alexander Abraham, CRA Manager/Consultant

Date: April 3, 2025

Subject: Revision to the Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program Continued

Executive Summary

The intent of this item is to review, discuss, and seek approval for the revised 2024-2025 Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program.

Staff contact: Alexander Abraham, CRA Manager/Consultant

Introduction

The 2024-2025 Residential Rehabilitation Grant (RRG) Program is an initiative designed to strengthen and revitalize the community by supporting homeowners in maintaining and improving their residential property. This program reflects the ongoing commitment of the Haines City CRA to foster safe, attractive, and thriving neighborhoods while enhancing property values and the quality of life for residents.

The Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program has been active since October 2024, when it was approved by the CRA Board during the October 1, 2024 CRA Meeting.

Background

At the October 1, 2024 CRA Board Meeting, board members passed and approved a new Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program. This new program expanded eligible expenses for Residential Rehabilitation while incorporating new policies and parameters.

The CRA has become aware of some areas of misunderstanding regarding program requirements, and the unintended inclusion of legal information that may not fully align with the program's goals and policies. We have addressed these areas of concern to ensure compliance with the appropriate legal and procedural

standards for the successful execution of the program. Further, based on prior CRA Board discussions, we have incorporated desired changes.

Organizational Goal(s)

Quality of Life: Create an environment that enhances the quality of life and benefits the community culturally, recreationally and economically.

Budget Impact

There is no budget impact for fiscal year 2025.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the approval of the revised 2024-2025 Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program, which is to become effective immediately.